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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3, DECLASSIFY 12/31/96

TAGS:MARR, MNUC, FR

SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS (NPW) VISITS TO FRANCE

REF: (A) AMEMBASSY PARIS 17844 (DTG 181730Z JUNE 76),

(B) AMEMBASSY PARIS 19090 (DTG 291907Z JUNE 76)

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NUCLEAR POWERED TASK GROUP CONSISTING OF NIMITZ (CVN-68), SOUTH CAROLINA (CGN-37), CALIFORNIA (CGN-36) AND BILLFISH (SSN-676), ARRIVED IN MEDITERRANEAN ON 17 JULY 76 FOR 6 MONTH DEPLOYMENT WIT; SIXTH FLEET. NEED FOR PORTS TO SUPPORT THIS DEPLOYMENT REMAINS A SERIOUS PROBLEM AND WE WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED WITH OBTAINING RESOLUTION WITH GOF IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FRENCH PORT VISIT DURING THE DEPLOYMENT. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT PRESSING NPTG NEED FOR PORTS PROVIDES US WITH A TANGIBLE, NEAR TERM REQUIREMENT THAT CAN BE USED EFFECTIVELY WITH GOF IN OBTAINING TIMELY ACTION.

2. TO MOVE QUESTION FORWARD, REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT FOREIGN MINISTRY AND INDICATE THAT WE WOULD HOPE THAT, IN

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